Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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A Report on Archaeological Investigations at the Magruder House, Montgomery County,

Maryland.

Submitted to the Chevy Chase Savings and Loan, Inc.

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Sites examined:

18MO324

Research Firm/Institutution:

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Project Details:

Phase I

Project Justification:

Phase II

This investigation was funded by Chevy Chase Savings and Loan, Inc. as part of the background research for the Savings and Loan restoration and conversion of the house into a branch office, museum, and community center.

Phase III

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MAC Accession: 1979.026

Project Objectives:

-Locate and determine the dimensions of the exterior chimneys supposed to have existed prior to the reconstruction of the east wall of the house in the 1890s.

-Search for any physical evidence of early porches that historical records indicate existed along the south wall prior to the full-length porch of recent times.

-Search for the builder's trench around the house, determine its depth, and recover artifacts which could date the trench.

-Recover artifacts and search for buried architectural features in the yards surrounding the house.

-Search for artifacts and features in the basement soil in an attempt to identify occupation or use phases of the house.

-Investigate the soil beneath the kitchen crawl space to determine if the kitchen had once been a stand-alone structure (as stated in a 1783 description by a boarder at the house).

Research Potential:

No assessment has been made of Site 18MO324's overall vertical integrity. Most of the archeological deposits were quite shallow and could well be disturbed. However, the identification of intact features suggests that intact soils may be present within features and a valuable resource for further study. The site could probably benefit from widespread horizontal exposure (stripping) of the subsoil to locate features such a privies and outbuildings which are likely to contain artifacts useful for further interpretation.